

Regulatory and Governmental Affairs

August 17, 2005

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Re: Generic Proceeding Established to Investigate Emergency Services Continuity
Plans
DOCKET 2005-100-C

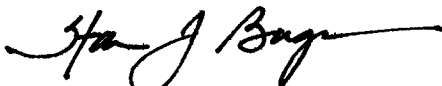
Dear Mr. Terreni:

After the filing and review of testimony in the above referenced docket, a suggestion was made that the participating parties establish a working group, in an effort to reach consensus upon the issues raised in this proceeding concerning a proposed generic Emergency Continuity Plan ("ECP"). The four parties that filed direct testimony in this proceeding -- the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon -- have agreed that such an effort will be meaningful and will allow for exploration of various opinions being advanced in a cooperative setting. The parties will work toward a unified proposal for the Commission's consideration. Upon concluding their work, the parties will present to the Commission a consensus plan and any unresolved issues, if such exist.

Therefore, the ORS, BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon respectfully request that the Commission postpone the hearing scheduled for August 31, 2005, giving the above referenced parties 90 days to work toward a consensus on the issues raised by the Commission in this proceeding. With that in mind the four parties have agreed not to file any additional rebuttal testimony pending the Commission's decision regarding this request.

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 803-254-5736.

With kind personal regards, I am



Stan J. Bugner
State Director

cc: All Parties of Record (U.S. Mail)

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This is to certify that I, Amber L. Landsman, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the attached request to postpone the hearing in the above referenced docket by placing a copy of same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid to the following Parties of Record:

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber L. Landsman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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